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TWO BIG STORIES!
"RETURN of the PENGUIN!"
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"BATMAN'S PSYCHIC TWIN!"
ROBIN! LOOK OUT! THE PENGUIN HAD A FLAME-THROWING DEVICE SET INSIDE THE BRONZE DRAGON'S MOUTH!

# COUNTDOWN ON EXCELLENCE

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CLEAN UP THE GARAGE, JERRY, BUT YOU DIDN'T DO A VERY GOOD JOB.
AW, DAD, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? IT'S NOT VERY IMPORTANT.
HMM...WITH THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE, YOU'LL GET INTO SLOPPY WORK HABITS. IF EVERYONE FELT THAT WAY ABOUT HIS JOB, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN?
"SUPPOSE A PLUMBER DIDN'T DO HIS WORK RIGHT..."
OH, DEAR! AND THE PLUMBER WAS JUST HERE AND SAID EVERYTHING WAS FINE!
"OR A SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR..."
I WANTED THE BANK, NOT THE BAKERY!
"OR A GARAGE MECHANIC..."
I JUST HAD MY TIRE CHANGED! THE MECHANIC DIDN'T TIGHTEN THE WHEEL PROPERLY--I COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED!
SCREECH!
CLUNK!
"OR A MAN WHO WORKS ON A SPACE CAPSULE..."
COUNTDOWN...THREE...TWO...ONE...ZERO! HUH? NO BLAST-OFF! SOMEBODY GOOFED!
I GET IT, DAD...EVERY JOB, WHETHER IT'S BIG OR SMALL, IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO DO RIGHT!

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BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -
YOUR EYES DO NOT DECEIVE YOU, READER! BATMAN IS ACTUALLY FEELING THE BATARANG BLOW INFLICTED ON CRIMINAL JO-JO GAGAN! AND IT IS BUT ONE OF THE MANY UNBELIEVABLE ACTIONS THE DYNAMIC DUO ENCOUNTERS WHEN FATE FUSES BATMAN AND A WANTED KILLER TOGETHER IN A STRANGE WAY! FOR EVERY INJURY JO-JO GAGAN RECEIVES.. EVEN DEATH:.. WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER! FOR THE CRIMINAL IS...
BATMAN'S PSYCHIC TWIN
WHAT GIVES? THE BATARANG SLAMMED INTO JO-JO'S RIGHT WRIST -- AND BATMAN FELT THE BLOW, TOO!
YEOW! MY WRIST!
BOB KANE
M-MY WRIST... SHARP PAIN!

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GOTHAM CITY... THE TRAINED, PHOTOGRAPHIC MIND OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE, SECRETLY BATMAN, FORMS A SUDDEN MENTAL PICTURE AS...
HOODLUM JO-JO GAGAN--HIDING BEHIND A FALSE MUSTACHE AND DYED-HAIR DISGUISE! HE'S WANTED FOR MURDER IN THE MID-WEST...
NO CHANCE TO MAKE MY BATMAN COSTUME CHANGE HERE! I'LL TAIL JO-JO AND TAKE HIM LATER...
GOT A CREEPY FEELING... LIKE SOMEONE'S FOLLOWING ME! THINK I'LL HAVE A LOOK...
PIONEER CHEMICAL PRODUCTS COMPANY
BUT AT THE EXACT MOMENT THE SUSPICIOUS HOODLUM TURNS...
M-MY EYES...
PIONEER CHEMICAL PRODUCTS COMPANY
KA-BOOM
THE BLAST FROM WITHIN THE CHEMICAL COMPANY... IT'S TEMPORARILY BLINDED ME...
GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE... THE ACCIDENT WILL BRING A SWARM OF BLUE UNIFORMS...
AND TENSE SECONDS LATER, AFTER BRUCE'S SIGHT RETURNS...
JO-JO SLIPPED OFF! BUT NOW THAT I KNOW HE'S IN GOTHAM, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE LAUNCHING A CITY-WIDE MANHUNT!
WHEEE
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LATER, AT THE WAYNE MANSION, BRUCE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, MAKE A FAMILIAR COSTUME CHANGE...
...TO PROWL THE HOODLUM HAUNTS OF GOTHAM IN THE BATMOBILE SEEKING THE DISGUISED JO-JO...
...UNTIL A POLICE RADIO CALL INTERRUPTS THEIR MANHUNT...
AN UNIDENTIFIED COPTER HAS BEEN REPORTED LANDING AT GOTHAM HELIOPORT! INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY!
THAT'S JUST DOWN THE STREET, ROBIN! COULD MEAN TROUBLE--LETS CHECK IT!
MERE MINUTES LATER...
SHUTTLE COPT
BOSS BRAGG'S GANG... HOLDING UP A COPTER DELIVERY OF U.S. MAIL! AND THERE'S THE DISGUISED JO-JO...
HE'S SPOTTED US, BATMAN! I'LL DISARM HIM WHILE YOU TAKE ON THE OTHERS!
GOTHAM HELIOPOR
COPTER SHUTTLE SERVIC
TO AIRPORT
QUICKLY, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS ZERO IN ON THEIR RESPECTIVE TARGETS AND...
A FEW BLASTS FROM THIS HIGH-POWERED GREASE GUN WILL PUT THEM ON THE SKIDS...
THE BATARANG'S RIGHT ON COURSE..
DOW
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BUT AS THE BOY WONDER'S MISSILE HITS HOME, AN INCREDIBLE THING HAPPENS...
YEOW! MY WRIST!
MY WRIST... SHARP PAIN! WHAT HAPPENED?
THE SAME QUESTION FLASHES THROUGH THE MIND OF THE GANG LEADER, BOSS BRAGG, OBSERVING FROM THE CRIMINAL COPTER...
WHAT GIVES? THE BATARANG SLAMMED INTO JO-JO'S RIGHT WRIST AND BATMAN FELT THE BLOW, TOO!
JO-JO'S TRYING TO PICK UP THE GUN WITH HIS LEFT HAND... GOT TO STOP HIM...
M-MY HEAD! OH...
IT HAPPENED AGAIN! THE INSTANT JO-JO'S HEAD SLAMMED AGAINST THE COPTER BATMAN FELT THE PAIN!
THEN...
BATMAN'S DAZED... UNABLE TO PROTECT HIMSELF! GOT TO GET TO HIS SIDE!
DUNNO WHAT HAPPENED... BUT LET'S GRAB JO-JO AND GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE BATMAN COMES AROUND!
AND WHEN THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER REGAINS HIS SENSES...
AND YOU SAY EACH TIME JO-JO RECEIVED A BLOW, YOU FELT ITS EFFECT SIMULTANEOUSLY! HOW IS IT POSSIBLE, BATMAN?
A FANTASTIC PHYSICAL PHENOMENON OF SOME KIND, ROBIN! I'M... STILL WOOZY--LET'S GO TO THE BAT-CAVE AND TRY TO FIGURE THIS OUT!

THERE ARE OTHERS JUST AS BEWILDERED BY THE INCREDIBLE PHYSICAL LINK BETWEEN BATMAN AND JO-JO! FOR LATER, AT THE GANG HIDEOUT...
BUT BOSS--HOW'S IT POSSIBLE FOR BATMAN TO FEEL IT WHEN JO-JO GETS CLOBBERED?
I READ SOMETHING ONCE ABOUT TWINS EXPERIENCING THE SAME THING, WILLIE...
WHEN ONE TWIN WAS HURT THE OTHER WOULD INSTANTLY FEEL THE PAIN...
GOT A KING-SIZED HEADACHE! MAYBE SOME COLD WATER WOULD HELP...
WAIT A MINUTE, BOSS! IF YOU'RE FIGURING RIGHT, WHAT IF JO-JO SHOULD POP OFF--DIE? WOULD BATMAN?
HMM... IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE A UNIQUE WAY TO RID OURSELVES OF BATMAN! I WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF JO-JO SHOULD SUDDENLY... LEAVE US?
AN INSTANT LATER, THE GANG HEADQUARTERS ERUPTS IN A BLAZE OF GUNFIRE AS...
JO-JO MUST HAVE HEARD US--HE'S TAKING A POWDER!
AFTER HIM! AND REMEMBER--WHEN JO-JO STOPS BREATHING, SO DOES BATMAN!
BANG BANG
BANG
CRASH
INDEED, THE GANG LEADER'S WORDS ARE TRUE! FOR AS JO-JO GASPS FOR BREATH BENEATH THE SURFACE...
:GASP... GASP!
ZINNNG
ZINNNG
BATMAN STRUGGLES FOR AIR IN THE BAT-CAVE...
R-ROBIN... CAN'T BREATHE! IT'S :GASP! AS IF I WERE DROWNING :GASP!
DROWNING? JO-JO MUST BE IN THE WATER SOMEWHERE... AND IN TROUBLE! AND... AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO HELP BATMAN!
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BUT THEN, JUST AS QUICKLY AS BATMAN'S SEIZURE BEGAN...
GETTING MY BREATH BACK NOW! I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF FIX JO-JO WAS IN... BUT I'M SURE GLAD HE GOT OUT OF IT!
WHEW! I WAS PLENTY WORRIED! YOU WERE SAYING YOU THOUGHT THAT CHEMICAL EXPLOSION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PHYSICAL PHENOMENON...
IT'S THE ONLY LOGICAL EXPLANATION, ROBIN! JO-JO AND I MUST HAVE SOMEHOW BEEN FUSED TOGETHER PHYSICALLY WHEN WE WERE BATHED IN THAT CHEMICAL SPRAY...
WAIT! YOU WERE TRAILING JO-JO AS BRUCE WAYNE --NOT BATMAN! IF HE REALIZES THE EXPLOSION CAUSED THIS PHYSICAL LINK...
THEN JO-JO MIGHT RECALL THE MAN FOLLOWING HIM AND DISCOVER MY REAL-LIFE IDENTITY AS BRUCE WAYNE!
GOLLY... GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE LADY LUCK'S ON OUR SIDE AND THAT JO-JO WILL NEVER CATCH ON, BATMAN!
RIGHT, ROBIN! BUT JO-JO'S A WANTED KILLER, AND OUR FIRST DUTY IS TO BRING HIM IN! C'MON... WE'RE TAKING A CRUISE IN OUR NEW PATROL BOAT!
SHORTLY, AS THE POWERFUL BATMAN PATROL BOAT SKIMS OVER THE SURFACE...
IT'S JO-JO! YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT, BATMAN! WHEN YOU EXPERIENCED THAT DROWNING SENSATION, HE WAS FLOUNDERING IN GOTHAM RIVER!
IT FIGURED... ROBIN! LOOK AT THAT LAUNCH AHEAD...
IT'S BOSS BRAGG AND HIS GANG -- AND THEY'RE GUNNING DOWN JO-JO! BUT... WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT... UNLESS...
EXACTLY! THEY'VE TUMBLED TO THE BIZARRE PHYSICAL LINK BETWEEN JO-JO AND MYSELF!
BANG!
BANG!
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A-AND THEY HOPE TO FINISH YOU OFF BY KILLING JO-JO! BATMAN, WE'VE GOT TO KEEP HIM ALIVE TO SAVE YOUR LIFE!
IRONIC, ISN'T IT, ROBIN! I'M CUTTING ENGINES--WE'LL TRY AND SCUTTLE THE GANG'S PLANS WITH OUR BAT-TORPEDOES!
SECONDS LATER, POWERFUL BLASTS OF COMPRESSED AIR JETTISON THE DYNAMIC DUO FROM THE BATMAN BOAT...
BAT-TORPEDOES AWAY! SET A COURSE TO HIT THEIR LAUNCH AMIDSHIPS, ROBIN!
AYE, AYE, BATMAN!
LIKE FINGERS OF DOOM, THE WAKES OF THE BAT-TORPEDOES POINT DIRECTLY AT THE GANG LAUNCH--AND THEN...
YIPES! WE'VE...JUST BEEN TORPEDOED--IN GOTHAM RIVER!
A PAIR OF STRIKES! WE SUNK THEM, BATMAN!
TURN ABOUT... AND WE'LL PICK UP THE CREW, ROBIN!
BUT THE CUNNING GANG LEADER IS NOT TO BE DENIED HIS FREEDOM...
BRAGG AND ONE OF HIS HOODS--ESCAPING IN A MOTOR BOAT! THEY MANAGED TO FLOAT IT BEFORE THE LAUNCH SANK!
AND WE HAVEN'T THE FUEL TO GIVE CHASE--MOST OF IT WAS EXPENDED ON THAT TORPEDO RUN!
WELL, AT LEAST WE MANAGED TO CAPTURE THE TWO CRIMINALS!
BUT JO-JO MANAGED TO ESCAPE DURING THE ACTION, ROBIN! AND AS LONG AS HE'S LOOSE, MY LIFE'S IN DANGER!

AFTER WE TURN THESE TWO HOODLUMS OVER TO THE POLICE WE'LL CHECK THE CHEMICAL PLANT! IF THEY CAN IDENTIFY THE CHEMICALS IN THAT EXPLOSION, IT MAY HELP US!

LATER THAT DAY, A PANICKY JO-JO GAGAN ENTERS HIS SECRET HIDEOUT, WEIGHING THE ODDS AGAINST HIM...

I--I HAVEN'T A CHANCE--BATMAN, THE POLICE AND BOSS BRAGG ARE ALL HUNTING ME DOWN! IF ONLY THIS FLUKE PHYSICAL LINK DIDN'T EXIST, I'D AT LEAST HAVE THE GANG OFF MY BACK!

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CONDEMNED

BUT AS THE DISTRAUGHT CRIMINAL SCANS A NEWSPAPER A FAMILIAR FACE LEAPS BEFORE HIS EYES...

THAT GUY.. BRUCE WAYNE... HE'S THE GUY I SUSPECTED WAS TRAILING ME JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSION! WAIT A MINUTE...

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SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE TO HONOR WIDOW OF HEROIC POLICEMAN AT BALL TONIGHT

IF THAT CHEMICAL EXPLOSION CAUSED THIS FREAK PHYSICAL LINK BETWEEN BATMAN AND ME, THEN THAT MEANS HIS REAL-LIFE IDENTITY IS BRUCE WAYNE!

AND IF THAT'S TRUE, I CAN BUY MY LIFE FROM BOSS BRAGG--IT WOULD BE WORTH A FORTUNE TO HIM TO KNOW BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY! BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PROVE IT TO MYSELF FIRST...

THAT NIGHT, AT THE SOCIETY BALL, BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON ARE ON HAND FOR THE EVENT, BUT THEIR THOUGHTS ARE ELSEWHERE...

GOSH... IT'S A SWELL AFFAIR AND EVERYTHING, BRUCE--BUT I CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT JO-JO! IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO HIM!

I KNOW, DICK--BUT WE MUST FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS! HERE COMES KATHY KANE... I'D BETTER ASK HER FOR A DANCE...

BEWARE, BRUCE AND DICK! FOR SOMEONE IS LURKING IN THE TERRACE SHADOWS WHO CAN DESTROY YOUR CRIME-FIGHTING CAREERS FOREVER!

THAT'S THE GUY--THAT'S BRUCE WAYNE! AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT IF HE'S REALLY BATMAN...
THE CRIMINAL LIFTS HIS RIGHT LEG HIGH AND..
OW-W-!
OH-H! MY FOOT!
B-BRUCE! YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME!
I--I PROVED IT--BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN! O-OH, MY FOOT... GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE...
JO-JO! HE MUST HAVE SUSPECTED THE TRUTH AND COME HERE TO PULL THIS LITTLE TEST-- HE'S DISCOVERED MY SECRET IDENTITY!
QUICKLY EXCUSING HIMSELF, BRUCE HURRIES OUTSIDE...
NOT A SIGN OF JO-JO! WHAT A SPOT I'M IN! I'VE GOT TO TRACK DOWN A WANTED KILLER WHO NOW KNOWS MY GREATEST SECRET-- AND PROTECT HIS LIFE IN ORDER TO SAVE MY OWN!
LATER, AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS CONFRONT THE TWO CRIMINALS THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED...
WE'RE NOT TALKING, BATMAN! ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS YOUR LIFE ISN'T WORTH TWO CENTS! JO-JO DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT OUR BOSS HAS A LEAD TO HIS SECRET HIDEOUT!
YEAH! IT'S GONNA BE PLENTY HOT FOR JO-JO! AND THERE'S NO FIREMEN IN HIS HOUSE TO PUT OUT THE FLAME! HA, HA!
SHUT UP, LUKE!
HMM... "PLENTY HOT"... "NO FIREMEN IN THE HOUSE"... I THINK ROBIN AND I HAVE THE LEAD WE WERE LOOKING FOR!
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SHORTLY, AS THE SCREECHING TIRES OF THE BATMOBILE ARE HEARD IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM..
WELL, WE'RE HEADING FOR THE ONLY ABANDONED FIRE HOUSE IN TOWN, BATMAN! IT'S A CINCH "NO FIREMEN" ARE THERE...
IT IS JO-JO'S SECRET HIDEOUT, ROBIN'-- LOOK! TWO OF BOSS BRAGG'S HOODS ARE JUST ENTERING! WE'VE GOT TO DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION...
THEN, AS THE FAMED LAWMAN BRAKES TO A STOP..
THEY'RE ALREADY IN THE FIRE HOUSE--BUT MAYBE THE SOUND OF A CLANGING BELL WILL PANIC THEM OUT!
LISTEN! WE MUST HAVE TRIPPED AN ALARM OR SOMETHING...
CLANG
FIRE HOUSE
AN INSTANT LATER, THE PANICKY CRIMINALS BOLT OUTSIDE TO BE MET BY..
CONDEMNED
"THESE BAT-BOLAS COME IN HANDY--WE DOWNED BOTH HOODS!
LET'S MOVE, ROBIN! THAT CLANGING BELL ALSO ALERTED JO-JO INSIDE THE FIRE HOUSE!
JO-JO... ABOUT TO RUN OUT THE REAR EXIT!
MAYBE THERE'S A QUICK WAY TO STOP HIM...
EXIT
WATER TANK
SUDDENLY, ROBIN'S FIST HAMMERS THROUGH AIR AND..
UGH! MY JAW...
O-OH!

BUT THEN, AS THE BOY WONDER DARTS FORWARD TO CAPTURE THE STUNNED JO-JO..
I'M... BEING SWAMPED! JO-JO STAGGERED AGAINST THE WHEEL THAT OPENS THE VALVE OF THAT OLD WATER TANK.
AND WHEN THE FLOOD IS OVER..
HE... SLIPPED AWAY DURING THE DELUGE, BATMAN! GOSH, I'M SORRY I HIT YOU BUT..
THAT'S OKAY, ROBIN! THAT WAS QUICK THINKING... REALIZING THAT JO-JO'S VULNERABLE TO MY INJURIES JUST AS I AM TO HIS! LET'S TURN THOSE TWO HOODS OUTSIDE OVER TO THE POLICE AND SEARCH THIS PLACE!
MEANWHILE...
UH-H... MY JAW! THIS MEANS IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO BATMAN IT WILL BE MY FINISH, TOO! OUR LIVES ARE IN EACH OTHER'S HANDS--AND THAT'S WHY I GOTTA SELL BOSS BRAGG MY IDEA!
AS DAWN CRACKS OVER A GOTHAM SUNDAY, BOSS BRAGG'S HIDEOUT STIRS WITH ACTIVITY...
IMAGINE.. JO-JO SENDING US A NOTE BY A MESSENGER! WHAT'S ON HIS MIND?
HE SAYS, "I KNOW BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY! THIS MEANS HE'S WORTH MORE TO YOU ALIVE THAN DEAD, BOSS BRAGG! YOU COULD BLACKMAIL HIM..."
"RUIN HIS CRIME-FIGHTING CAREER WITHOUT RISKING MURDER! IF YOU BUY THE DEAL, MEET ME AT GOTHAM GRANARY AT NOON!" HMM... HE'S GOT A POINT...
YEAH. WE'D HAVE BATMAN IN THE PALM OF OUR HAND, BOSS--WITHOUT STICKING OUR NECKS OUT! LET'S GO FOR IT!
HIGH NOON, AT THE GOTHAM GRANARY..
WELL, IT'S TWELVE SHARP AND NO JO-JO! WONDER IF THAT CHARACTER CHICKENED OUT...
BOSS... THOSE GRAINS FALLING FROM THE BIN... SOMEBODY COULD BE UP THERE... THIS COULD BE A TRAP!

BOSS BRAGG'S HAND FLASHES TO THE GRAIN RELEASE CHAIN AND...
B-BATMAN... AND THE KID, ROBIN HIDING IN THAT EMPTY BIN!
NOW WE'RE IN FOR IT!
I DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE, BATMAN -- COULD BE YOU AND THAT JO-JO ARE PLAYING YOUR OWN GAME! BUT I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES!
B-BOSS BRAGG... ABOUT TO KNOCK OFF BATMAN! BUT.. HE'LL BE KILLING ME, TOO! GOT TO STOP HIM...
SUDDENLY, THE TENSION IS BROKEN BY..
LOOK! IT'S JO-JO -- COMING AT US IN ONE OF THOSE CARTS AT TOP SPEED!
BOSS -- WAIT! DON'T PLUG BATMAN! IF YOU DO, I'M A GONER! HUH? THE CONTROLS JAMMED!
I -- I CAN'T STOP IT... I'LL BE KILLED!
CRASH
THEN, AS THE IMPACT JARS LOOSE THE BIN RELEASE...
JO-JO'S A DEAD DUCK -- HE'S BEING SMOTHERED UNDER TONS OF GRAIN!
YEAH... AND SO IS BATMAN! LOOK -- HE'S CHOKING TO DEATH WITH JO-JO! HA, HA...
GASP, CAN'T BREATHE..
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THEN, AS BATMAN SLIDES TO THE FLOOR...
HE'S FINISHED... AND WE DIDN'T HAVE TO FIRE A SHOT!
THAT'S RIGHT, TOBIN-- THEY CAN'T EVEN PIN A MURDER RAP ON US! NOW WITH BATMAN OUT OF THE WAY WE CAN MAKE BIG PLANS.
BUT BOSS BRAGG AND TOBIN ARE IN FOR THE SURPRISE OF THEIR LIVES AS..
BATMAN! BUT... YOU'RE DEAD!
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANTED YOU TO THINK! WHEN ROBIN AND I LEARNED THE CHEMICALS INVOLVED IN THE EXPLOSION, WE SOUGHT AN ANTIDOTE TO THE PHYSICAL PHENOMENON... AND FOUND IT TONIGHT!
BUT HOW'D YOU LEARN ABOUT THE MEETING HERE?
WE FOUND A FIRST DRAFT OF THE NOTE JO-JO WROTE TO YOU CRUMBLED ON THE FIRE HOUSE FLOOR! THEN, WE JUST CAME HERE AND WAITED.
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WHEN JO-JO WAS DOOMED IN THAT ACCIDENT, I UTILIZED HIS MISFORTUNE TO TRICK YOU BOTH! LET'S TURN THESE CHARACTERS OVER TO THE POLICE AND GET SOME WELL EARNED REST, ROBIN!
YOU BET, BATMAN...
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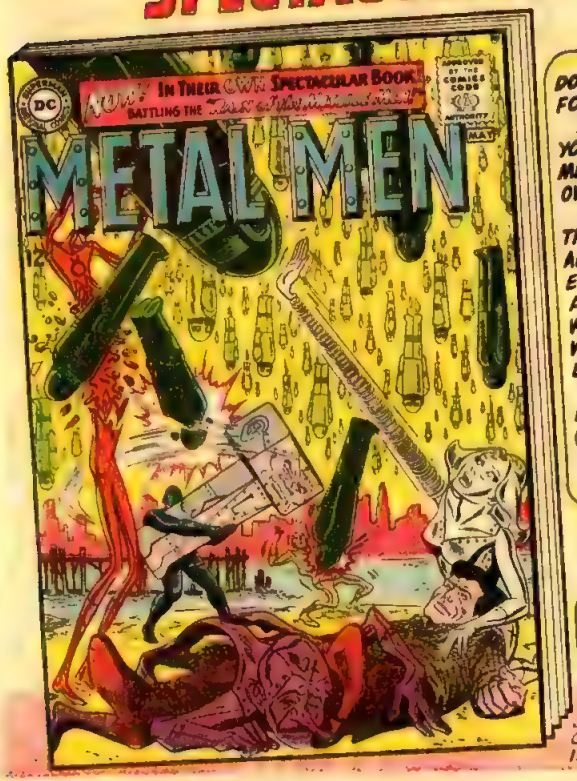


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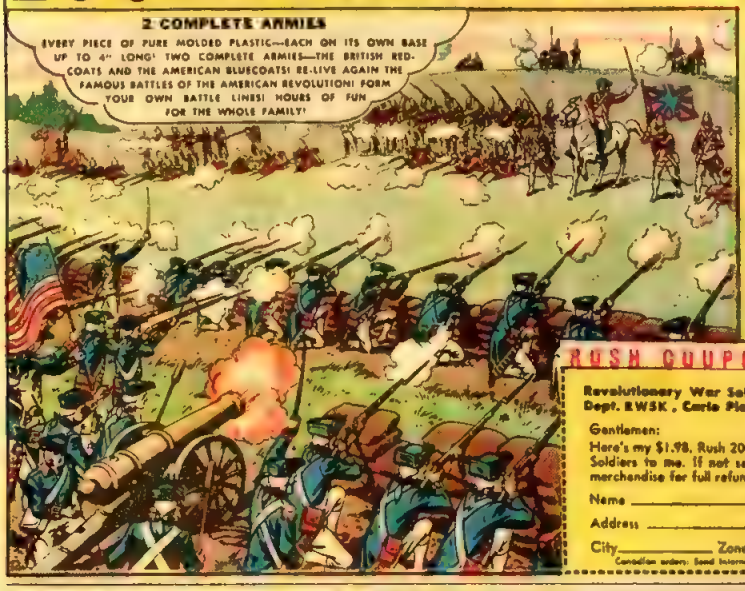
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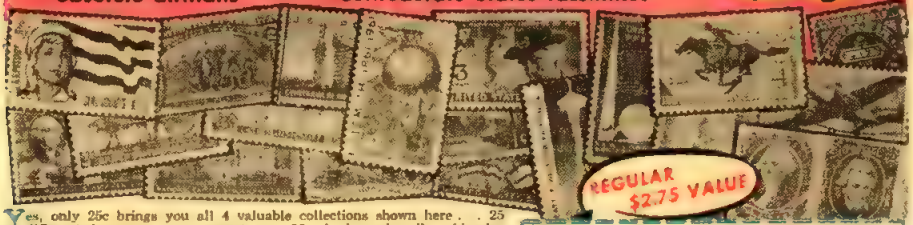


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I've had some great birthday presents, but I considered this the best, and wrote the letter as soon as I finished reading this story.

Jerry Jones, Greenville, Miss.

*(Happy birthday, Jerry! We'll try to give you more "birthday" stories in the future.—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor: I have just finished reading your Dec. issue of BATMAN and I enjoyed the stories immensely. The end of the story, "The False Face Society" sure surprised me. In your letter column, I read that you were going to publish a 3-parter of Batman in issue 153. I hope this is not the last, because I enjoy book-length stories of DC heroes.

Clarence Ginsiak, Hoban Heights, Pa.

*(As we indicated in a previous column, we're going to have a variety of lengths. Coming up in the June issue is a story that's almost a 3-parter—see comment at the end of another letter on this page.—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor: In the Dec. BATMAN, featuring "The False Face Society," you show the Joker's skin on the back of his head flesh color. Yet in "Letters to the Bat-Cave," in a reply to a letter, you said the Joker's skin was chalk white because of an accident when he escaped by swimming through chemicals.

Wayne Demary, Metuchen, N. J.

*(A number of readers have pointed this out, presuming that it was a mistake. It wasn't—it was done deliberately. So was the black hair on the back of his head. The Joker was disguising himself, remember. He wouldn't leave an obvious clue such as his white skin (or green hair), would he? Therefore, he used make-up on those areas where his skin or hair showed.—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor: In your story, "The False Face Society, in the Dec. issue of BATMAN COMICS, the Joker said that all votes were for the bandit who disguised himself as the Batman. How can that be? The Joker said, "The winner will be decided by ballot. Since each of you would naturally vote for yourself as first choice, I want you to vote for a SECOND choice. And remember, choose the man whose robbery was most spectacular." If everyone voted for a second choice, Batman would have had to vote for someone else, so all votes wouldn't be for Batman.

Gary Shaw, Kellogg, Idaho

*(You're right. Batman would be the winner, but not by a unanimous vote.—Ed.)*

Dear Editor: I enjoyed your December issues of BATMAN, DETECTIVE COMICS and WORLD'S FINEST COMICS. BATMAN was good with three terrific stories. In DETECTIVE COMICS, I saw my first Batmite story, and now I hope to see a million more. WORLD'S FINEST had three great stories, but does Green Arrow have his own book? Also, could you give me a preview of what's coming?

Harry Briggs, Methuen, Mass.

*(Green Arrow doesn't have his own magazine, but he will appear in a big story in the June issue of WORLD'S FINEST, which will feature an extra-long Superman-Batman-and-Robin story, "The League of Super-Villains." The current May WORLD'S FINEST features "Beasts of the Supernatural," a mystery which puts your favorite heroes in a desperate situation. The May DETECTIVE has Batman and Robin tackling the challenge of "The Jungle-Man of Gotham City," and J'onn J'onzz in a spectacular role as "The Man of 1,000 Disguises." As for the next BATMAN issue, see the answer to the following letter.—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor: I've always been a great fan of yours and Batman. But there's one thing that has always bothered me. It seems to stand out best in your Nov. issue of DETECTIVE, in "The Mystery of the Mardigras Murders." Robin is always the one who stays and watches the hurt or murdered crook while Batman goes after the fleeing one. I think some of your most outstanding issues are when something happens to Batman, and Robin takes over.

Kenny Ampel, New York, N. Y.

*(You'll be happy, then, with the June issue of BATMAN! Robin has plenty to do, as he first battles "The Ant-Man," which is a prologue to a most unusual 2-part adventure, "Robin Dies at Dawn!"—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor: I've just finished the 4th BATMAN ANNUAL, and I thought all the stories were excellent. "The Vanished Batman," and "Am I Really Batman?" were certainly two of the best Batman stories I have ever read. The ending of the latter story sure surprised me; I thought it was just another one of those super-dreams. Also, the sequence in which Batman was hunted by the police was very interesting.

Steve Goering, Moundridge, Kansas

*(In our next letter column, we'll have more responses to BATMAN ANNUAL No. 4—and an announcement about ANNUAL No. 5—Ed.)*

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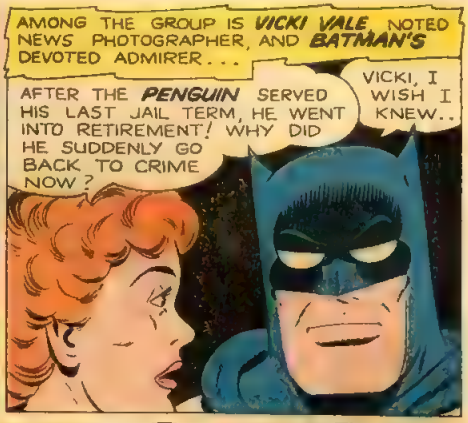
BAT MAN
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
THE PENGUIN'S BLIMP HAS SHATTERED ROBIN'S WHIRLY-BAT! I'LL NEVER REACH ROBIN IN TIME TO SAVE HIM!
CRASH!
PERHAPS YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF IT, BUT BATMAN ONCE HAD AN ENEMY WHO ACTUALLY RIVALLED THE JOKER IN CRIME AND CUNNING! HIS NAME?-- THE PENGUIN! NOW THAT MASTER OF FOWL PLAY SPREADS HIS WINGS AGAIN! NOW THAT OILY BIRD SWOOPS DOWN LIKE A VULTURE TO FEATHER HIS NEST WITH ILL-GOTTEN GAINS! NOW, LIKE A THIEVING CROW, HE SQUAWKS HIS CHALLENGE TO BATMAN AND ROBIN IN . . .
BOB KANE
the RETURN of the PENGUIN

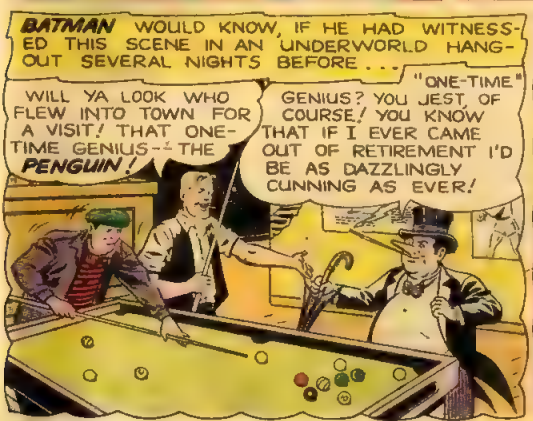
LIKE GREAT WINGED CREATURES, TWO FIGURES ARE SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE NIGHT SKY WHEN...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS PAGING US!
HUH? THAT'S NOT THE USUAL BAT-SYMBOL!
GREAT SCOTT! THAT'S THE SILHOUETTE OF A BAT IN THE OLD CHINESE STYLE!
A MOMENTARY MYSTERY...BUT EXPLAINED MINUTES LATER AS BATMAN TRACKS DOWN THE SOURCE OF THAT STRANGE BEACON!
JUST AS YOU FIGURED--THE BEAM CAME FROM CHINATOWN!
THE SEARCHLIGHT'S ATOP THE DRAGON TEMPLE! A TEMPLE GUARD MUST NEED OUR HELP!
UPON ENTERING THE GREAT TEMPLE...
WOW! THE STATUE OF A DRAGON--WITH BAT-WINGS!
ANCIENT CHINESE CONSIDERED THE BAT A GOOD LUCK SYMBOL--AND SOMETIMES PUT BAT-WINGS ON A DRAGON AS A SIGN OF HAPPINESS FLYING EVERYWHERE!
SOMETHING'S WRONG! THE VALUABLE RUBY "EYES" OF THE DRAGON ARE MISSING!
AND SO ARE THE TEMPLE GUARDS!
THE GUARDS ARE DOZING IN A STOREROOM WHERE I PUT THEM--AFTER I FIRST GAVE THEM A WHIFF OF SLEEPING GAS! AS FOR THE RUBIES, I HAVE THEM NOW!

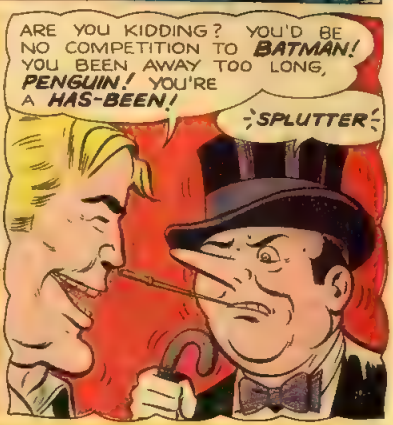
THEN, FROM THE STATUE'S HOLLOW INTERIOR, A DAPPER LITTLE FIGURE STEPS FORWARD!
I TRUST I DID NOT STARTLE YOU--BUT I COULD NOT RESIST MAKING A DRAMATIC ENTRANCE!
OUR OLD ENEMY--THE PENGUIN!
YES! I, THE MASTER OF "BIRD" CRIMES, HAVE RETURNED TO RENEW OUR INTRIGUING BATTLE OF WITS!
IT WAS I WHO FLASHED THE BAT-SIGNAL--TO SHOW YOU THAT I MOCK THE NAME OF BATMAN BY MY THEFT FROM A STATUE WITH BAT-WINGS!
SPEAKING OF WINGS . . . I'M GOING TO CLIP YOURS!
SUDDENLY. . .
TCH-TCH! I DO FEAR THAT THIS TIME THE CHINESE BAT WILL PROVE YOUR BAD LUCK SYMBOL!
FLAME--COMING FROM THE DRAGON'S MOUTH! LOOK, OUT!
THAT TRICKY BIRD HAD A FLAME-THROWING DEVICE SET INSIDE THE STATUE!
LOOK! THERE HE GOES--OUT THAT BACK DOOR!
R

IN SWIFT PURSUIT, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS FIND THEMSELVES IN THE TEMPLE COURTYARD, WHERE...
BIRD NESTS ON THE GROUND!
EAGLE NESTS THAT I PREVIOUSLY PLACED THERE! AND HERE ARE THE PROUD PARENTS--A BIT ANGRY WITH YOU AT THE MOMENT!
HOLY SMOKE! THE EAGLES THINK WE'RE TRYING TO HARM THEIR EGGS!
SHIELD YOUR EYES!
AS BEAK AND TALON SLASH AT HIM, BATMAN SUDDENLY ACTS ON AN IDEA!
THAT TEMPLE GONG IS THE ANSWER--IF THESE EAGLES DON'T SPOIL MY THROW!
IT WORKED! EVEN THE BIGGEST BIRDS ARE SCARED OFF BY THE SOUND OF A BIG BELL!
BONG!
THEN AS THEY RENEW THEIR PURSUIT OF THE PENGUIN...
GOSH! HE'S MAKING HIS GETAWAY ON AN OSTRICH!
THIS WAS GREAT FUN! WE'LL DO IT AGAIN ...AND VERY SOON, I PROMISE YOU! TALLY-HO!

LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, BATMAN TELLS NEWS REPORTERS OF THE PENGUIN'S RETURN TO CRIME . . .
BATMAN, WE'RE ALL ROOTING FOR YOU! YOU'LL GET THAT LITTLE BUZZARD YET!
I HOPE SO!


AMONG THE GROUP IS VICKI VALE, NOTED NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER, AND BATMAN'S DEVOTED ADMIRER . . .
AFTER THE PENGUIN SERVED HIS LAST JAIL TERM, HE WENT INTO RETIREMENT! WHY DID HE SUDDENLY GO BACK TO CRIME NOW?
VICKI, I WISH I KNEW..


BATMAN WOULD KNOW, IF HE HAD WITNESSED THIS SCENE IN AN UNDERWORLD HANG-OUT SEVERAL NIGHTS BEFORE . . .
WILL YA LOOK WHO FLEW INTO TOWN FOR A VISIT! THAT ONE-TIME GENIUS--THE PENGUIN!
"ONE-TIME" GENIUS? YOU JEST, OF COURSE! YOU KNOW THAT IF I EVER CAME OUT OF RETIREMENT I'D BE AS DAZZLINGLY CUNNING AS EVER!


ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU'D BE NO COMPETITION TO BATMAN! YOU BEEN AWAY TOO LONG, PENGUIN! YOU'RE A HAS-BEEN!
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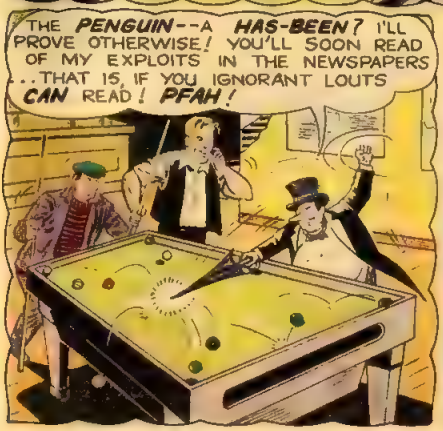
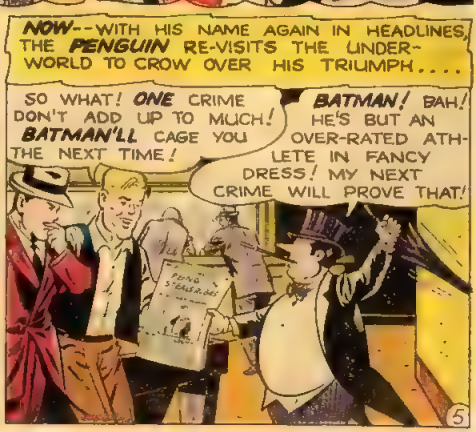

THE PENGUIN--A HAS-BEEN? I'LL PROVE OTHERWISE! YOU'LL SOON READ OF MY EXPLOITS IN THE NEWSPAPERS . . THAT IS, IF YOU IGNORANT LOUTS CAN READ! PFAH!


NOW--WITH HIS NAME AGAIN IN HEADLINES, THE PENGUIN RE-VISITS THE UNDERWORLD TO CROW OVER HIS TRIUMPH . . . .
SO WHAT! ONE CRIME DON'T ADD UP TO MUCH! BATMAN'LL CAGE YOU THE NEXT TIME!
BATMAN! BAH! HE'S BUT AN OVER-RATED ATHLETE IN FANCY DRESS! MY NEXT CRIME WILL PROVE THAT!

NEXT DAY, THE BATMOBILE SPEEDS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS WHERE...
LOOK AT WHAT THE PENGUIN SENT YOU BY PARCEL POST!
UH-OH! ANOTHER CHALLENGE TO A GAME OF WITS! AND THOSE MUST BE CLUES TO HIS NEXT CRIME!
AN EGG PAINTED GOLD-- AND A PIECE OF ORDINARY STONE!
HMM! ROBIN, LET'S GET BACK TO THE BATMOBILE FAST! I'VE GOT A HUNCH..
MINUTES LATER...
THE GOLD EGG, I'M SURE, REFERS TO THE GOOSE THAT LAID GOLDEN EGGS IN THE STORY OF JACK AND THE BEANSTALK!
BUT THOSE EGGS BELONGED TO A GIANT WHO HAD A FARM IN THE SKY! HOW DOES THAT TIE IN WITH THE PENGUIN'S CRIME?
ATOP THE TOMPKINS BUILDING IS YOUR SKY-HIGH FARM!"BIG" JOHN TOMPKINS, THE MILLIONAIRE, LOVES FARMING SO MUCH, HE ACTUALLY PUT ONE ATOP HIS OWN SKYSCRAPER!
GOSH BATMAN-- THAT'S RIGHT! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PENGUIN'S OTHER CLUE-- THAT PIECE OF STONE?
NOT A STONE, ROBIN-- BUT A ROCK-- SUGGESTING THAT COLOSSAL BIRD FROM THE STORY OF SINBAD THE SAILOR-- THE ROC! AND THERE COMES THE PENGUIN'S "ROC"!
WOW! A PENGUIN-BLIMP!
MINUTES PASS, AND THEN...
IT WAS-- BUT OUR VALISES ARE LOADED NOW! THEY MAKE QUITE A LARGE AND HEAVY "NEST EGG"!
CHEE, BOSS, THAT TOMPKINS' SAFE WAS LOADED WITH DOUGH!

SUDDENLY...
BATMAN AND ROBIN--ON THEIR WHIRLY-BATS! HOW UNCOOPERATIVE OF THEM!
I SEE THAT THIS TIME YOU'VE GOT SOME HIRED HELP!
AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS LAND...
NOW LET'S SHOW THESE HIRED HANDS OUR FISTS!
OHH! CAN'T I BE SPARED YOUR GRUESOME PUNS?
GREAT SCOTT! HIS TRICK UMBRELLA'S GOT US CAUGHT IN A "SPIDER WEB"!
HOW DROLL! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I AM ALSO KNOWN AS "THE MAN OF A THOUSAND UMBRELLAS"?
PRECIOUS MINUTES ARE LOST BEFORE BATMAN AND ROBIN FREE THEMSELVES AND PURSUE THE GIANT FLYING "PENGUIN"...
ROBIN--LOOK OUT! THE PENGUIN'S STEERING THE BLIMP'S "BEAK" RIGHT AT YOU!
DESPERATELY, ROBIN SENDS HIS WHIRLY-BAT DIVING--BUT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE IT!
THAT STEEL "BEAK" SHATTERED THE PROPELLER! ROBIN WILL PLUNGE TO THE GROUND! I'LL NEVER REACH HIM IN TIME!

INSTANTLY, AS THE BLIMP'S OUTSTRETCHED "WING" NEARS HIM, THE BOY WONDER CLUTCHES AT IT--AND CLINGS!
SHORTLY, A DART BATARANG PIERCES THE HELIUM-FILLED BLIMP!
BUT, MOMENTS LATER, A PLUMP LITTLE FIGURE WITH AN UMBRELLA SUDDENLY DROPS FROM THE DISABLED BLIMP!
THANK HEAVENS! ONCE HE DRAWS HIMSELF UP ON THE WING, HE'LL BE SAFE! NOW I CAN DISABLE THAT BLIMP WITH ONE OF MY SPECIAL BATARANGS!
NOW THE BLIMP WILL DEFLATE SLOWLY, GRADUALLY--AND AS IT COLLAPSES, IT WILL DROP GENTLY TO THE GROUND WITHOUT INJURING ROBIN OR THOSE CROOKS!
UH-OH! THE PENGUIN--TRYING TO DUCK AWAY ON A TRICKY PARACHUTE-UMBRELLA! BUT I'LL FOLLOW HIM ALL THE WAY DOWN, AND GRAB HIM THE SECOND HE TOUCHES GROUND!
AND SO, BATMAN TRAILS THE DRIFTING PARACHUTE, THEN POUNCES LIKE A HAWK!
PENGUIN, YOU'VE JUST GONE INTO A SWAN DIVE!
UNEXPECTEDLY, A FANTASTIC THING OCCURS!
WHAT...? THE PENGUIN'S BODY IS GETTING LARGER!
THEN, AS THE FIGURE CONTINUES TO SWELL, BATMAN REALIZES THE TERRIBLE TRUTH...
IT'S ACTUALLY A BALLOON--GIMMICKED TO INFLATE THE INSTANT THE PARACHUTE COLLAPSED! LEAD SHOES ADDED ENOUGH WEIGHT TO MAKE IT DROP TO THE GROUND!

SUDDENLY SENSING IMMINENT DANGER, BATMAN DROPS BEHIND COVER--AND JUST IN TIME!
THE CONCUSSION WOULD HAVE FLATTENED ME! THE PENGUIN DROPPED THAT FIGURE LIKE A DECOY DUCK--AND SENT ME ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE!
BOOOM!
LATER, WHEN BATMAN FLIES TO THE COLLAPSED BLIMP...
ROBIN--ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT HAPPENED?
WHEN THE BLIMP LANDED, I TRIED TO TAKE ON THE PENGUIN AND HIS TWO STOOGES--BUT THE PENGUIN CLOUTED ME WITH HIS UMBRELLA!
SOMETIME LATER, AS THAT PREDATORY BIRD AGAIN CROWS OF HIS VICTORY OVER BATMAN...
WE GOTTA ADMIT--YOU SURE SURPRISED US!
TOMORROW BATMAN WILL HAVE THE BIGGEST SURPRISE YET!
THE NEXT DAY, AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS RELAX IN THEIR SECRET IDENTITIES OF BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON..
SIR, THIS PACKAGE JUST CAME FOR YOU BY MESSENGER!
OPEN IT UP, ALFRED--AND LET'S SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!
A PENGUIN!
GREETINGS TO A FRIEND from PENGUIN
AND IT'S BEEN SENT TO ME BY THE PENGUIN!
URK!
URK!
THIS MEANS THE PENGUIN SOMEHOW FOUND OUT YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
YES--THIS COULD BE THE FINISH OF THE CAREERS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!

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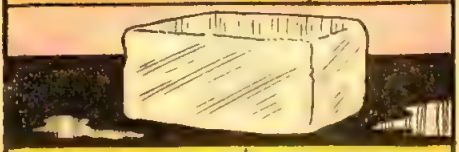
# QUICK QUIZ

HOW DID THE WORD "TROUSSEAU" ORIGINATE?

IT IS FROM THE FRENCH "TRUSSE" MEANING A LITTLE BUNDLE! IN OLDEN DAYS IT APPLIED TO THE FEW THINGS IN A BUNDLE A BRIDE CARRIED TO THE HOME OF HER HUSBAND!

WHAT SUBSTANCE EXPANDS WHEN ITS TEMPERATURE FALLS TO 32° FAHRENHEIT?



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WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE WORDS "CZAR" AND "KAISER"?

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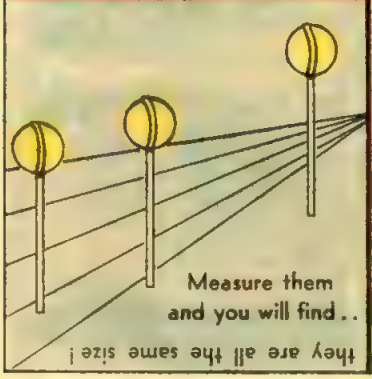


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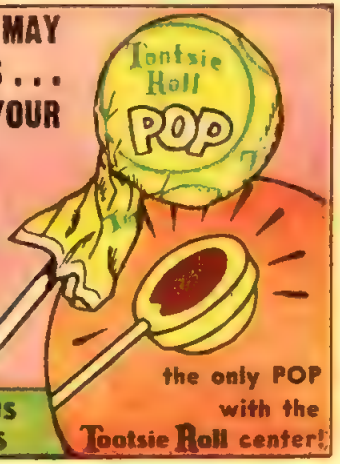


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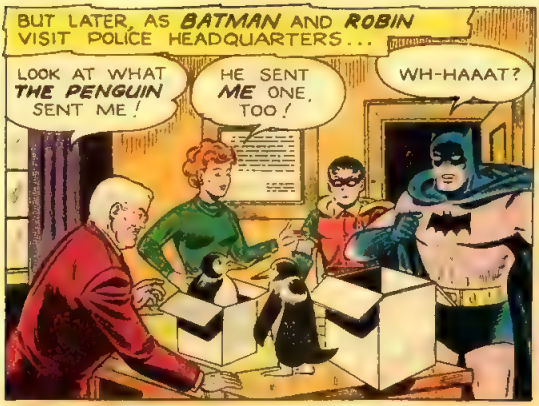
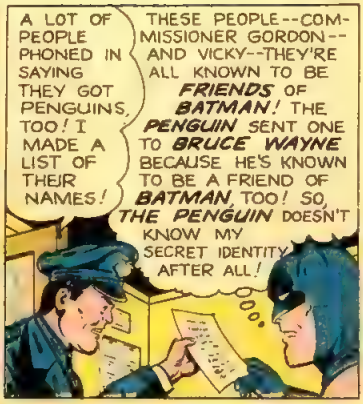
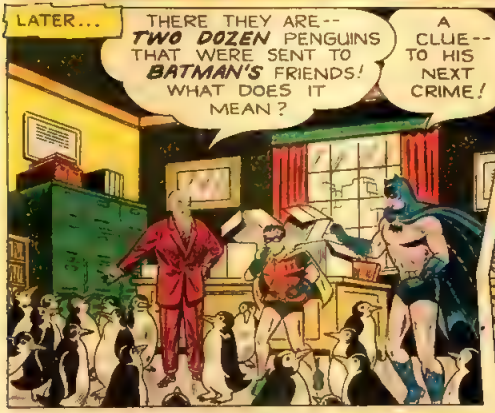
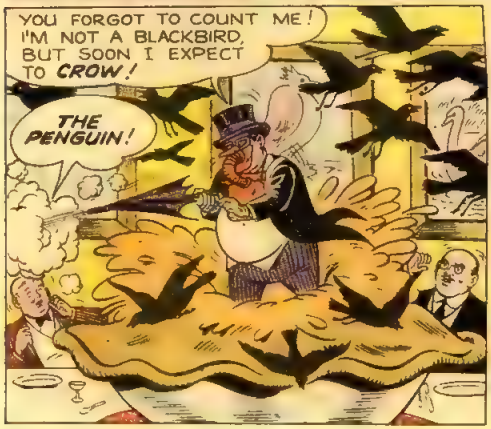

BUT LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN VISIT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
LOOK AT WHAT THE PENGUIN SENT ME!
HE SENT ME ONE, TOO!
WH-HAAAT?


A LOT OF PEOPLE PHONED IN SAYING THEY GOT PENGUINS, TOO! I MADE A LIST OF THEIR NAMES!
THESE PEOPLE--COMMISSIONER GORDON--AND VICKY--THEY'RE ALL KNOWN TO BE FRIENDS OF BATMAN! THE PENGUIN SENT ONE TO BRUCE WAYNE BECAUSE HE'S KNOWN TO BE A FRIEND OF BATMAN, TOO! SO, THE PENGUIN DOESN'T KNOW MY SECRET IDENTITY, AFTER ALL!


LATER...
THERE THEY ARE--TWO DOZEN PENGUINS THAT WERE SENT TO BATMAN'S FRIENDS! WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
A CLUE--TO HIS NEXT CRIME!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE MUSEUM OF THE FRIENDS OF BIRDS SOCIETY, THE SOCIETY'S SPONSORS ARE HAVING AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...
GREETINGS, FRIENDS! I NOW GIVE YOU A FITTING BIRTHDAY CAKE AND A FITTING RHYME! "4 AND 20 BLACKBIRDS BAKED IN A PIE; AND WHEN THE PIE WAS OPENED THE BIRDS BEGAN TO SING..."


YOU FORGOT TO COUNT ME! I'M NOT A BLACKBIRD, BUT SOON I EXPECT TO CROW!
THE PENGUIN!

NOW THAT THE SLEEPING GAS CARTRIDGE IN MY UMBRELLA-GUN HAS DONE ITS WORK, I'LL TAKE THESE ORIGINAL SKETCHES OF BIRDS MADE BY THE FAMOUS JOHN AUDUBON! THEY'RE PRICELESS COLLECTOR'S ITEMS!
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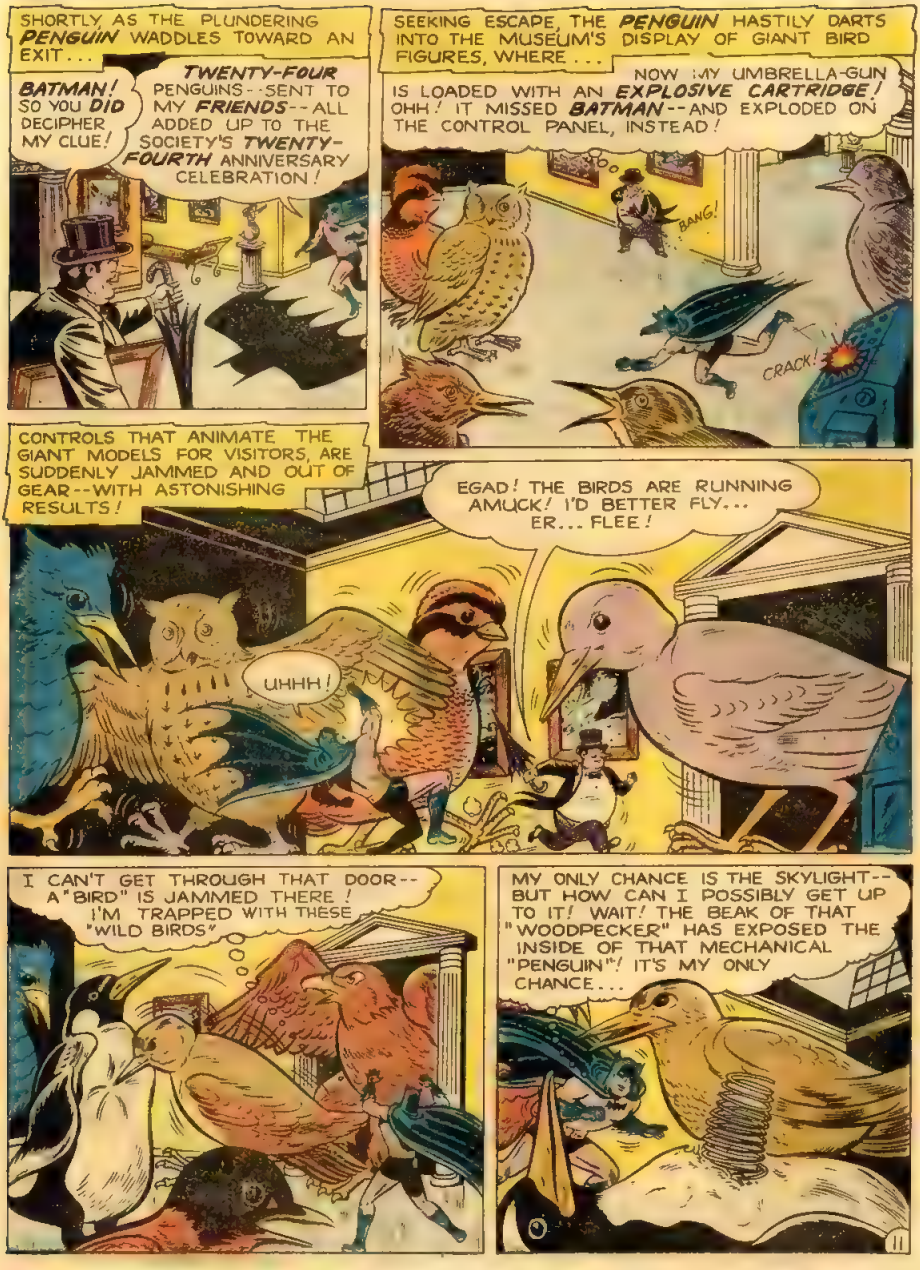
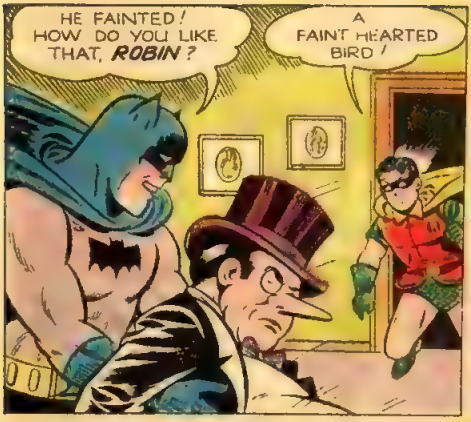
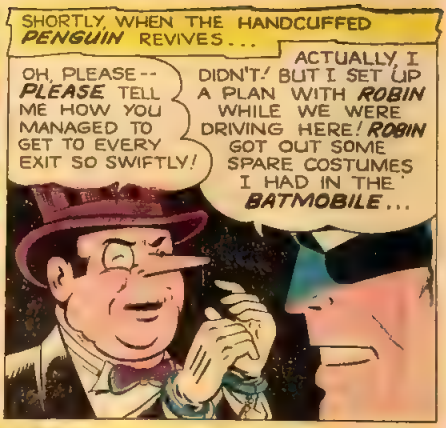
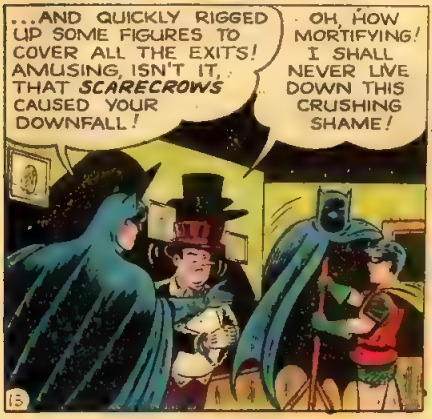

SHORTLY, AS THE PLUNDERING PENGUIN WADDLES TOWARD AN EXIT...
BATMAN! SO YOU DID DECIPHER MY CLUE!
TWENTY-FOUR PENGUINS--SENT TO MY FRIENDS--ALL ADDED UP TO THE SOCIETY'S TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!
SEEKING ESCAPE, THE PENGUIN HASTILY DARTS INTO THE MUSEUM'S DISPLAY OF GIANT BIRD FIGURES, WHERE...
NOW MY UMBRELLA-GUN IS LOADED WITH AN EXPLOSIVE CARTRIDGE! OHH! IT MISSED BATMAN--AND EXPLODED ON THE CONTROL PANEL, INSTEAD!
BANG!
CRACK!
CONTROLS THAT ANIMATE THE GIANT MODELS FOR VISITORS, ARE SUDDENLY JAMMED AND OUT OF GEAR--WITH ASTONISHING RESULTS!
EGAD! THE BIRDS ARE RUNNING AMUCK! I'D BETTER FLY... ER... FLEE!
UHHH!
I CAN'T GET THROUGH THAT DOOR--A "BIRD" IS JAMMED THERE! I'M TRAPPED WITH THESE "WILD BIRDS"
MY ONLY CHANCE IS THE SKYLIGHT--BUT HOW CAN I POSSIBLY GET UP TO IT! WAIT! THE BEAK OF THAT "WOODPECKER" HAS EXPOSED THE INSIDE OF THAT MECHANICAL "PENGUIN"! IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE...

A RUNNING LEAP SENDS BATMAN LANDING HEAVILY ATOP THE SPRINGY COIL, AND...
WHAT A JOKE! A "PENGUIN" SAVED MY LIFE!
ZINNNG!
MEANWHILE, AS THE FANTASTIC BIRDMAN SCURRIES TOWARD A MUSEUM EXIT...
BATMAN! HOW EVER DID HE GET OUT OF THAT BIRD ROOM SO QUICKLY? EGAD! I MUST SEEK ANOTHER AVENUE OF ESCAPE!
AGAIN, THE PENGUIN WADDLES HASTILY DOWN ANOTHER CORRIDOR, BUT...
AWK! BATMAN--WAITING FOR ME! HE MUST BE WEARING ROLLER SKATES TO GET ABOUT SO QUICKLY!
ONCE AGAIN, THE PENGUIN'S FEET PATTER HURRIEDLY TO ANOTHER DOOR, BUT NOT FOR LONG...
OHH, NO! HE'S DONE IT AGAIN! HE HOUNDS ME LIKE RELENTLESS FATE! AH! BUT HE HAS FORGOTTEN THIS SIDE DOOR! HE CAN'T BE IN TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME!
OHH, NO! NO! GO AWAY! YOU'RE JUST AN OPTICAL ILLUSION!
YOU NEED GLASSES, PENGUIN!





SHORTLY, WHEN THE HANDCUFFED PENGUIN REVIVES...
OH, PLEASE--PLEASE TELL ME HOW YOU MANAGED TO GET TO EVERY EXIT SO SWIFTLY!
ACTUALLY, I DIDN'T! BUT I SET UP A PLAN WITH ROBIN WHILE WE WERE DRIVING HERE! ROBIN GOT OUT SOME SPARE COSTUMES I HAD IN THE BATMOBILE...


...AND QUICKLY RIGGED UP SOME FIGURES TO COVER ALL THE EXITS! AMUSING, ISN'T IT, THAT SCARECROWS CAUSED YOUR DOWNFALL!
OH, HOW MORTIFYING! I SHALL NEVER LIVE DOWN THIS CRUSHING SHAME!
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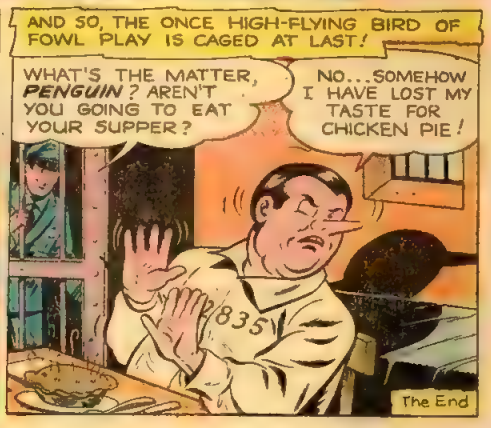
AND SO, THE ONCE HIGH-FLYING BIRD OF FOWL PLAY IS CAGED AT LAST!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, PENGUIN? AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT YOUR SUPPER?
NO...SOMEHOW I HAVE LOST MY TASTE FOR CHICKEN PIE!
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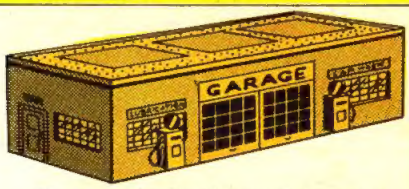


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